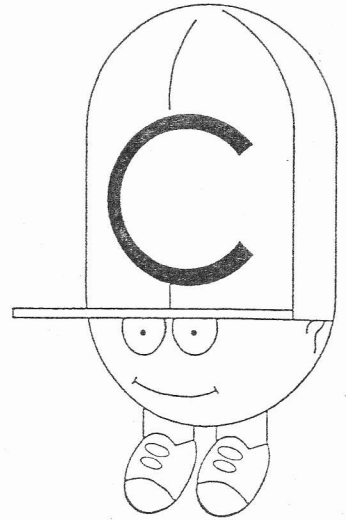


Family
Letter
C



Dear Family,

Hi . . . I'm shy. I wear a colossal cap, because it covers me completely! (Well, almost completely.) Shy people don't like to be seen too much. By the way, my name is Mr. C.

Being shy isn't a bad thing. Everybody feels shy sometimes. But I'm trying really, really, really, really hard not to be shy all the time. Your child and the other children at school have helped me to feel more comfortable in a group of people.

One good thing about my colossal cap is that it helps me remember my special sound. That's the sound of c, as in colossal cap. Some words start with my letter, but with a different sound. Right now your child is learning the sound of c that is heard in colossal cap.

Here's an idea for helping your child with my letter and my sound.

✓ I love to play card games—especially Concentration. You and your child can make this cool game. You'll need 18 index cards. Copy each of these nine words on two cards: cat, cod, cup, cab, can, cap, cut, cub, cot.

- Read the words with your child. All of the words start with the same sound as colossal cap. So ask your child to Prove some of the words: Say "colossal cap cat."
- Then place the cards face down in rows—maybe three rows of six cards each. Then take turns playing by turning over two cards at a time.
- If the cards match, the player keeps them. If the cards do not match, the player turns them face down and gives the other person a chance.
- The game ends when all the cards have been removed. The player holding the fewest cards at the end of the game takes the first turn the next time the game is played.

Sincerely,

Mr. C